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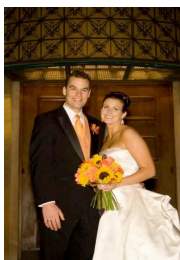
Concerns and Celebrations

We received news that **Alan Roof** has been called to serve on the **Board of Directors of the United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries** for a six year term. Alan, a member of **Central Congregational UCC**, Atlanta, and a chaplain at Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital in Atlanta, has a long history of engagement in the area of disabilities ministries.



and look forward to a ministry in rural churches.

We are pleased to announce that **Allen Hollis** was installed as the interim pastor of **Riverview Christian Church in Valley AL**, on February 8th. Allen has been granted Ordained Ministerial Partnership by the Alabama Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Present at the service were Conference Minister **Tim Downs**, and Regional Minister for the Alabama Region, **John Mobley**, who preached. Allen is remembered as having served over the years at **First United Church of Christ, Nashville**, and **United Church UCC, Huntsville**.



With our apologies, we included the happy news in our last newsletter of the wedding of **Lillian Hallstrand**, a student in care of the Alabama-Tennessee Association, and member of Brookmeade Congregational UCC, Nashville. We did not however, include this lovely photograph.

Bob and Beth Hurst led a group tour of Egypt and Israel, leaving in early February. Bob is the pastor of **United Church, Huntsville (UCC)**. The tour was to explore interfaith themes, and to talk about the possibilities of peace between the West and the Islamic world.

Linda Smith, a member of **Central Congregational UCC**, Atlanta, reports to us that she continues in a ministry which has taken her to many settings of human need. She lectures at the Emory School of Nursing on issues of spirituality, and works with a multi-disciplinary team providing care in local assisted living centers nursing homes and residences for Compassionate Care Hospice.

Phil Price, a UCC minister, recently granted ordained ministerial partnership by the Georgia Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and serving as pastor of **Sandy Springs Christian Church**, in the Atlanta area, informed us of the death of his mother following a brief period of illness. Her funeral was held in the beginning of February. Phil served as interim minister at Central Congregational UCC, Atlanta last year.

Lawrence Clark, recently retired, and serving part-time in a small Presbyterian congregation in the Nashville area, alerted us to the sudden passing of his mother at the end of January. Lawrence is a member of **Brookmeade Congregational UCC, Nashville**.

Many of you are aware of the death of **Millard Fuller**, the founder of Habitat for Humanity on February 3rd. However, some do not know that Millard was raised in the **Congregational Christian Church of Lanett**, a UCC congregation, and credits the United Church of Christ for opening his life and heart to the world and its needs as a young man. Millard became a millionaire by the age of 29, and then gave up all of his



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possessions and moved with his wife Linda to the legendary Koinonia Farm in Americus, GA, the leader of which was Clarence Jordan.

I have sent a notice to many in the Conference concerning **the death of “Billy” Andes, on January 26th**. Billy was a dearly loved Conference Minister of the Southeast Conference serving us early in our history. He lived in Elon, NC in retirement.

If there is news that you wish to have shared with others in the Southeast Conference family, please contact Tim at tdowns@secucc.org.

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